GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
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ELECTRIFICATION OF VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from the Government of Rajasthan for electrification of villages in Saharia Project by Solar Energy;

(b) if so, status of the proposal; and

(c) the time by which the proposal is likely to be approved by the Union Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a), (b) & (c) : The Ministry is implementing a programme for the electrification of villages in the remote and difficult areas of the country. Under this programme, renewable energy systems like solar photovoltaic systems, small hydro units and biomass gasifiers are installed in unelectrified villages to provide lighting and other services. The programme for electrification of villages in Rajasthan is being implemented through the state renewable energy development agency i. e. the Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation (RREC), Jaipur. The Ministry has not received any proposal from RREC for electrification of villages by solar energy in the Saharia Project.